

# **Alabama Department of Public Health, Technical Services Unit**

## **Hiring Outside Contractors**

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**Question:** We need to hire an "outside" contractor to do some of the work in our building so we can get deficiencies corrected. Is there a problem with our doing this?

**Answer:** Only one -- many times our surveyors return to verify corrections of Life Safety Code deficiencies, and discover that the hired contractor did not properly make corrections or do all of the work he was paid to do. It is important to check the corrective work done in your facility, whether it is done by your staff or a hired professional. Also, keep the written contracts for the work on file, in case you need to show the surveyor that you have actually committed to get work done that may not be completed by the time of the follow-up survey.